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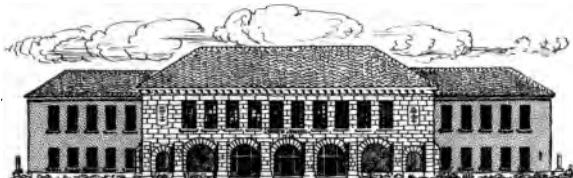


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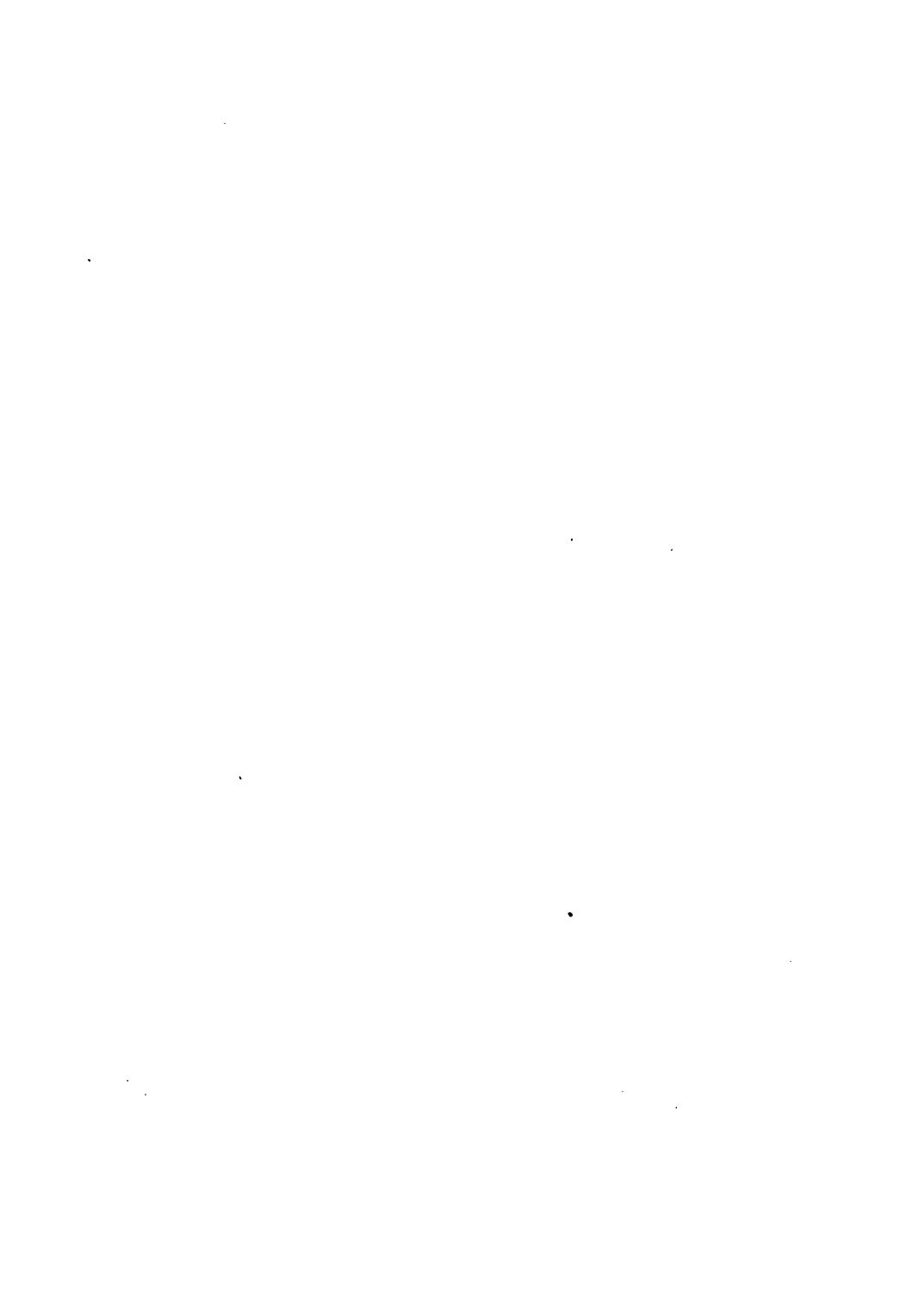


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P R E F A C E.

IN these days of trained specialists it seems useless to base a primary reader upon some particular method of teaching. The trained teacher has his *own* method and only needs good material to work with; while the *untrained* teacher cannot use a particular method, even though the book is made to fit it.

Every method for teaching primary reading seems to have some points in its favor; but after many years of trial and investigation I am convinced that the best primary reader is the one that contains the *best* material, arranged in the *best* order, without reference to a particular method of presentation.

The following points in favor of this book will be readily perceived:

1. The pages are free from irrelevant matter.
2. The subjects are interesting to all children.
3. The sentences are short, and the lines wide apart.
4. Frequent pages of review sentences that are numbered, for convenience of tests.
5. The *whole lesson* is always in sight.
6. The vocabulary is unexceptionable.
7. The grading is nearly perfect.

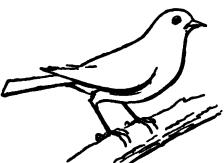
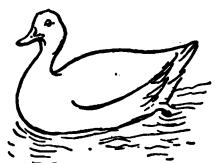
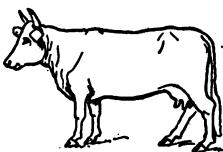
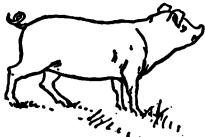
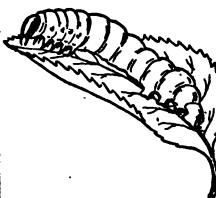
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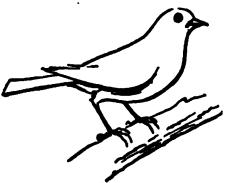
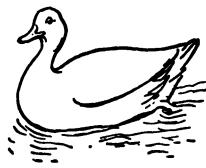
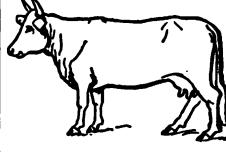
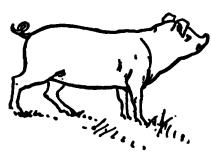
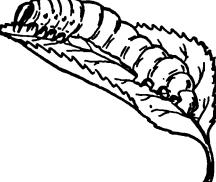
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Make no effort whatever to teach the word, for that would spoil the play.

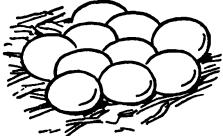
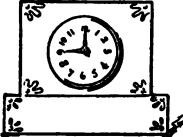
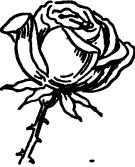
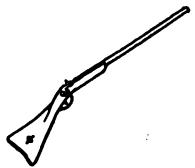
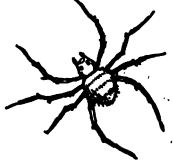
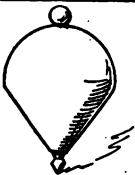
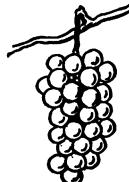
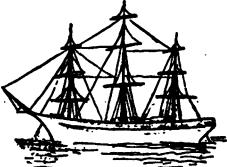
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<i>boy</i>	<i>dog</i>	<i>boat</i>
		
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<i>pig</i>	<i>corn</i>	<i>worm</i>

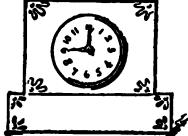
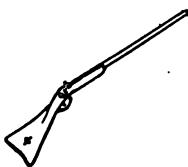
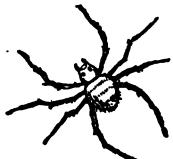
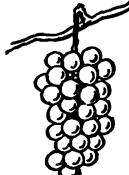
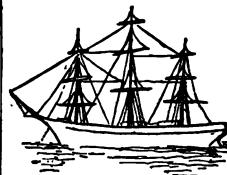
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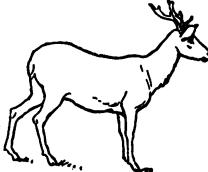
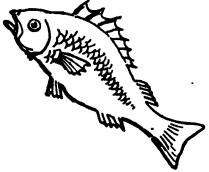
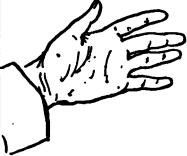
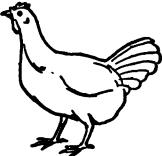
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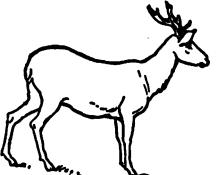
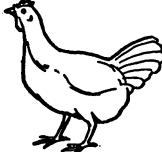
Picture Game.

		
eggs	girl	pond
		
bat	clock	bush
		
rose	gun	spider
		
top	grapes	ship

Picture Game.

		
<i>man</i>	<i>deer</i>	<i>mouse</i>
		
<i>tree</i>	<i>fox</i>	<i>fly</i>
		
<i>fish</i>	<i>nest</i>	<i>owl</i>
		
<i>hand</i>	<i>hen</i>	<i>house</i>

Picture Game.

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bird



fly

See the bird fly.

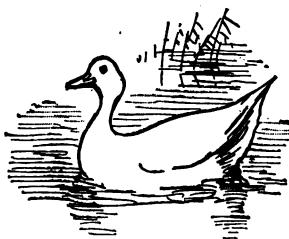
frog



jump

See the frog jump.

duck



swim

See the duck swim.

LESSON 1.

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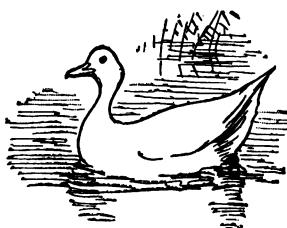
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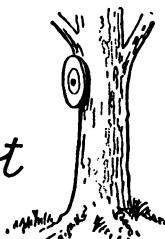
LESSON 2.



See the boys run.



See the dogs play.



See the man shoot.

LESSON 2.

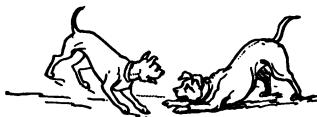
boys



run

See the boys run.

dogs



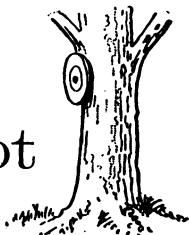
play

See the dogs play.



man

shoot



See the man shoot.

LESSON 3.

I

can

1

I can see the bird fly.

2

I can see the frog jump.

3

I can see the duck swim.

4

I can see the boys run.

LESSON 3.

I

can

1

I can see the bird fly.

2

I can see the frog jump.

3

I can see the duck swim.

4

I can see the boys run.

LESSON 4.

and — you

1

I can run and play.

2

Can you run and play?

3

I can run and jump.

4

Can you run and jump?

5

A boy can run and play.

6

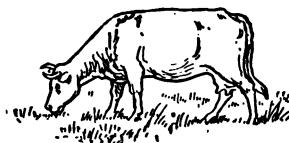
A dog can jump and run.

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You and I can play.

LESSON 5.

cow



grass

See the cow eat the grass.

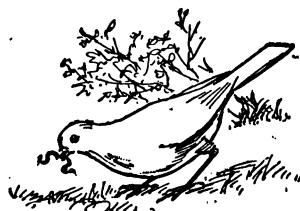
pig



corn

See the pig eat the corn.

bird



worm

See the bird eat the worm.

LESSON 6.

row



boat

See the boy row the boat.

ride



horse

See the man ride the horse.

climb



tree

See the cat climb the tree.

LESSON 7.

like A to

1

Cows like to eat grass.

2

Pigs like to eat corn.

3

Birds like to eat worms.

4

A duck likes to swim.

5

A frog likes to jump.

6

A cat likes to climb.

LESSON 8.

him

Yes

No



See the dog swim.

I like to see him swim.

Can a boy swim?

Yes, a boy can swim.

Can you swim?

Yes, I can swim.

Can you swim like a dog?

No, I swim like a boy.

LESSON 9.



me
fast
not

See me swim.

I can swim fast.

I like to swim.

Can a dog swim fast?

Yes, a dog can swim fast.

A dog likes to swim.

I like to see a dog swim.

A dog can not swim
like a boy.

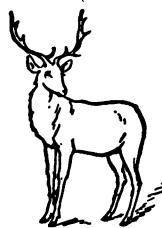
LESSON 10.

What is hen
fox  deer

What is a hen like?
A hen is like a duck.



What is a fox like?
A fox is like a dog.



What is a deer like?
A deer is like a cow.

LESSON 11.

do ----- does

1. What does a boy
like to do?

A boy likes to play.

2. What does a dog
like to do?

A dog likes to run.

3. What does a pig
like to do?

A pig likes to eat.

4. What does a duck
like to do?

A duck likes to swim.

LESSON 12.

Dick in it now

Oh



I see Dick in a boat.

Can Dick row the boat?

Oh, yes, Dick can row it.

I can row a boat, too.

I like to row a boat.

Can you row Dick's boat?

Yes, I can row it.

Row the boat to me, Dick.

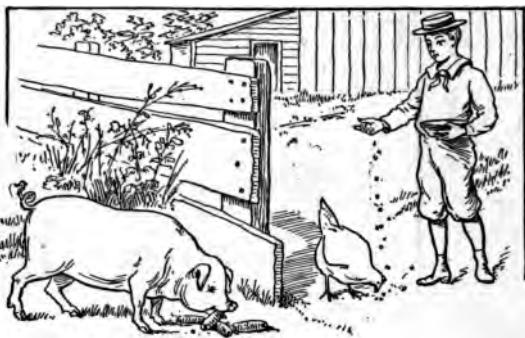
Now see me row the boat.

I can row it fast.

LESSON 13.

feed

too



See Dick feed the hen.
Dick likes to feed the hen.
What does the hen eat?
The hen eats corn.
Do you see the pig?
What does the pig eat?
The pig eats corn, too.
Does the hen eat
like the pig?

LESSON 14.

will

1. A bird will eat a worm.
2. A cat will eat a bird.
3. A hen will eat corn.
4. A fox will eat a hen.
5. A man will shoot a fox.
6. A boy will row a boat.
7. A man will ride a horse.
8. A deer will eat grass.
9. A cat will climb a tree.
10. A pig will eat corn.
11. A frog will eat a fly.
12. A horse will eat grass.

LESSON 15.

will

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2. A cat will eat a bird.
3. A hen will eat corn.
4. A fox will eat a hen.
5. A man will shoot a fox.
6. A boy will row a boat.
7. A man will ride a horse.
8. A deer will eat grass.
9. A cat will climb a tree.
10. A pig will eat corn.
11. A frog will eat a fly.

LESSON 16.

May
little
nest



I see a bird.
It is in the nest.
Do you see it, May?
Yes, I see the nest.
Is the bird in the nest?
I can not see the bird.
Oh, yes, I see it now.
I see it in the nest.
Little bird, I can see you.
Can you see me?

LESSON 17.

am

have

My

robin



I am a little robin.

I have a little nest.

My nest is in a tree.

Do you see me eat?

I eat like a hen.

I do not eat corn.

I eat little worms.

Little boy, do you like
to see me eat?

Yes, little robin, I do.

LESSON 18.

Here Jack how hurt



Here is my dog Jack.

He likes to play.

See how he can run !

The ducks can run, too.

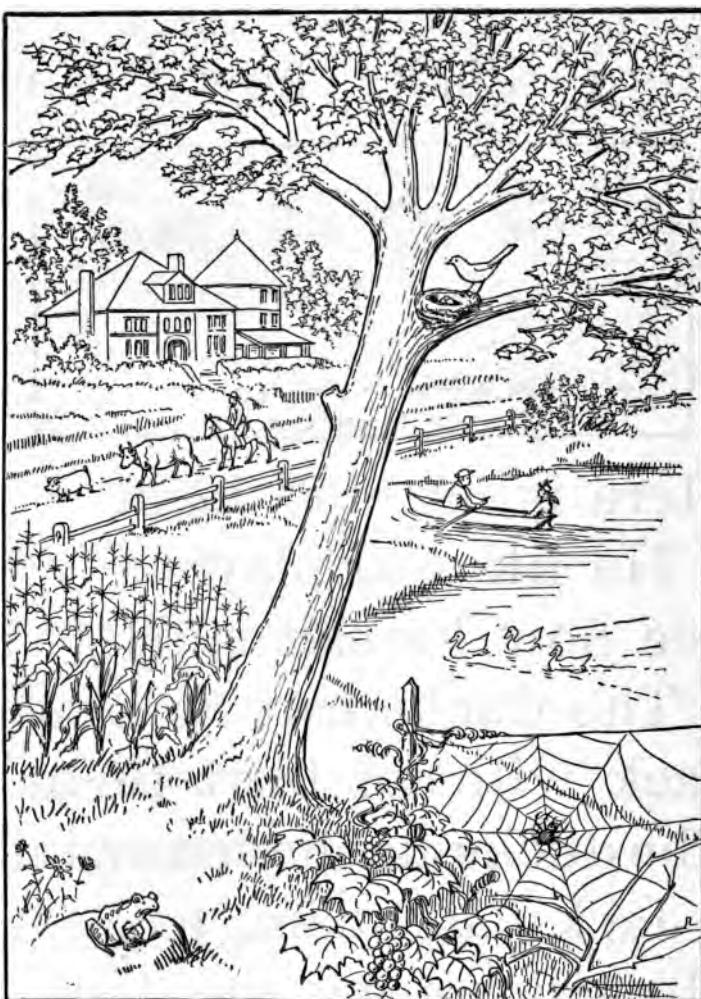
Jack will not hurt them.

The ducks can have a swim.

Jack can swim, too.

He can not get the ducks.

The ducks swim too fast.



NOTE.—Let each pupil select some object in the picture and tell what he has learned about it.

FOR REVIEW.

a	and	row	like
am	boy	see	little
as	can	the	nest
do	cat	too	play
he	dog	you	robin
I	eat	Yes	shoot
it	hen	fly	swim
is	him	man	tree
in	how	cow	will
my	May	bird	frog
me	not	boat	duck
no	now	corn	grass
O	pig	Dick	ride
to	run	feed	horse

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LESSON 19.

Did

1. Did you see
the boy feed the hen?
2. Did you see
the man ride the horse?
3. Did you see
the cow eat the grass?
4. Did you see
the pig eat the corn?
5. Did you see
the boy row the boat?
6. Did you see
the cat climb the tree?

LESSON 20.

Did

1. Did you see
the boy feed the hen ?
2. Did you see
the man on the horse ?
3. Did you see
the cow eat the grass ?
4. Did you see
the pig eat the corn ?
5. Did you see
the boy row the boat ?
6. Did you see
the cat climb the tree ?

LESSON 21.

REVIEW.

Dick can row a boat.

My dog Jack can swim.

A man can ride a horse.

A cat can climb a tree.

Hens like to eat corn.

Can a dog climb a tree?

No, he can not.

Does a deer eat grass
like a cow?

Yes, a deer eats grass.

A robin can not eat corn.

LESSON 22.

REVIEW.

Dick can row a boat.

My dog Jack can swim.

A man can ride a horse.

A cat can climb a tree.

Hens like to eat corn.

Can a dog climb a tree?

No, he can not.

Does a deer eat grass?

Yes, a deer eats grass.

A deer eats like a cow.

A robin can not eat corn.

A bird will eat a worm.

LESSON 23.

some
forhas
big

May has some grass.

It is for the deer.

See May feed the deer.

The deer likes grass.

It is not a big deer.

It is a little deer.

Do not run, little deer.

May will not hurt you.

LESSON 24.

an
owl
eyes
mouse
or
very



Oh, see the big bird!

What is it, Dick?

It is an owl.

What big eyes it has!

Yes, owls have big eyes.

What does the owl eat?
He likes to eat a mouse.
He likes little birds, too.

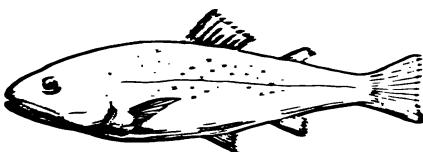
He has a mouse now.
Do you see the mouse?
Yes, I see it.

The owl will eat it.

Will the owl hurt me?
No, he will not hurt you.

What can the owl do?
The owl can fly very fast.
Can a robin fly fast?
A robin can not fly
as fast as an owl.

LESSON 25.



fish
think

What do you see here?

I see a fish.

Is it a big fish?

I think it is.

No, it is not very big.

It is a little fish.

The fish has a big eye.

What does a fish eat?

A fish will eat a worm.

What can fish do?

Fish can swim very fast.

I like to see them swim.

Big fish eat little fish.

LESSON 26.

pond-lilies

must

get



I see some pond-lilies!

I must have some.

Get in the boat, May.

You can have a ride.

You can get some lilies, too.

Yes, Dick, I will get in.

May I row the boat for you?

Yes, you may row.

I will get the lilies.

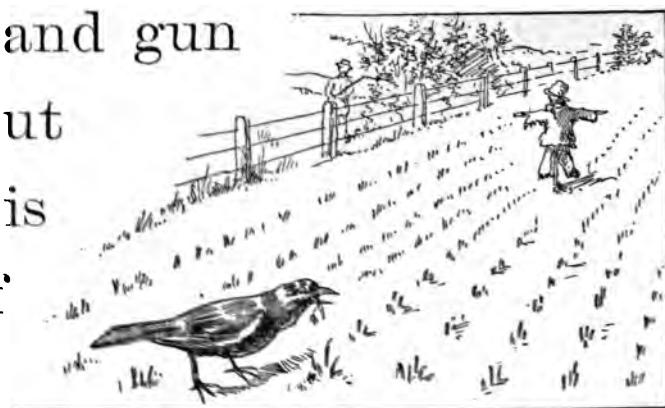
LESSON 27.

hand gun

but

his

if



Oh, how I like corn!
Now I must have some.
I am not a hen,
but I like to eat corn.
Will the man shoot me?
Yes, I think he will.
He will if he can.
He has a gun in his hand.

Do you see it?

Oh, yes, I see his gun.
 Now I must fly.
 The man sees me.
 He thinks he can shoot me.
 He can run, but I can fly.
 I am a big bird.
 Now see me fly.
 The man can not shoot me.

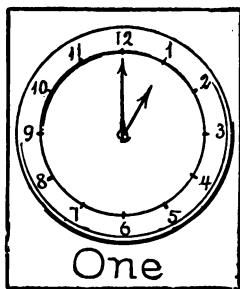
Note.—Let the children spell the following words phonetically until they are familiar with all the sounds represented. Do not use diacritical marks.

bat	bad	Dan	bag	bar
fat	lad	fan	lag	far
mat	mad	man	nag	tar
rat	pad	pan	rag	jar
sat	sad	ran	tag	mar

LESSON 28.

o'clock

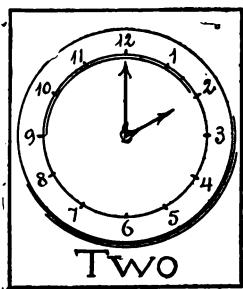
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The long hand
is at 12.

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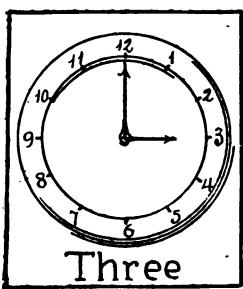
It is one o'clock.



The long hand
is at 12.

The short hand
is at 2.

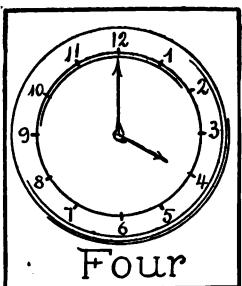
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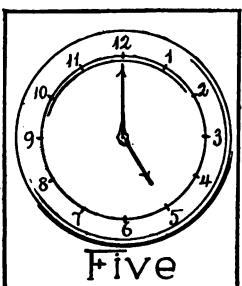
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is at 12.

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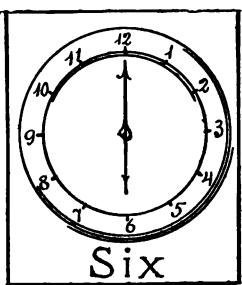
It is three o'clock.



The long hand
is at 12.
The short hand
is at 4.
It is four o'clock.



The long hand
is at 12.
The short hand
is at 5.
It is five o'clock.



The long hand
is at 12.
The short hand
is at 6.
It is six o'clock.

1	2	3	4	5	6
one	two	three	four	five	six

LESSON 29.

are

1. One and one are two.
2. Two and one are three.
3. Two and two are four.
4. Three and one are four.
5. Four and one are five.
6. One and four are five.
7. Three and two are five.
8. Two and three are five.
9. Five and one are six.
10. Four and two are six.
11. Three and three are six.
12. Two and four are six.
13. One and five are six.

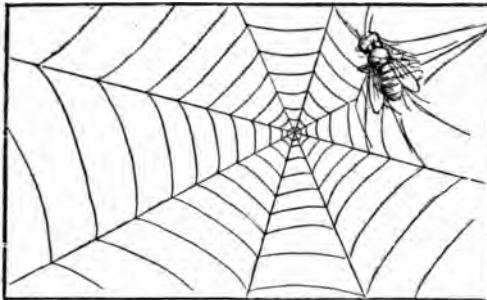
LESSON 30.

spider

make

web

catch



What can a spider do?

A spider can make a web.

A web can catch a fly.

Spiders like to catch flies.

I see a little fly now.

It is in the spider's web.

The fly is fast in the web.

Do you see the spider?

No, I do not see him.

He is not in the web.

LESSON 31.

(No new words.)

1. A fox is like a dog.
2. My dog likes to play.
3. Do not shoot the birds.
4. May can row a boat.
5. Owls can fly very fast.
6. Birds eat little worms.
7. Owls are big birds.
8. Did May feed the deer?
9. A spider can catch a fly.
10. Can a dog catch a fox?
11. A deer can run fast.
12. How fast can you run?

LESSON 32.

Come

out

They



Come, Jack! Come, Jack!

The cows are in the corn.

See the cows eat the corn.

They must not eat it now.

Here comes Jack.

Now see the cows run out.

He likes to see them run.

He will not hurt the cows.

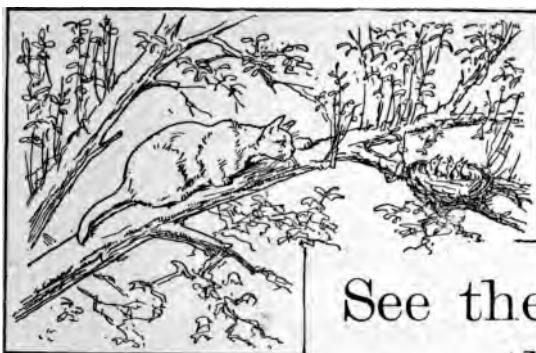
They like to eat the corn.

at	fun	make	spider
or	web	hand	catch
owl	gun	must	o'clock
has	but	fish	short
for	his	very	pond-lilies
Did	get	some	think
are	big	when	mouse
if	long	eyes	horse

PHONIC EXERCISE.

b et	s et	l ed	f en
g et	w et	N ed	h en
l et	y et	r ed	m en
n et	b ed	w ed	t en
p et	f ed	d en	v ex

LESSON 33.



up
she
let
See the cat
up the tree.

The cat sees a nest.
Some little birds are in it.
They can not fly out.
Will the cat get the birds?
She will if she can.
Cats like to catch birds.
She must not get the birds.
Dick, do not let the cat
get the little birds.

LESSON 34.

Tom
with
shall
we
go



Tom, will you go with me?
We can have some fun.
What shall we play, Dick?
Shall we go to the pond?
Yes; we will have a ride.
Do you like to row?
Yes, I like to row.
It is fun to row a boat.
Come, Jack, you may go too.

Jack will have a swim.
He likes to swim
 in the pond.
The pond is not very big.
We can have a swim, too.
Do you like to swim ?
I think we shall have fun.
We can get some lilies, too.
What! get some pond-lilies?
Are the lilies out?
Oh, yes, they are out now.
We can get the pond-lilies.
Come, we must run !
How fast can you run ?
See if you can catch me.

LESSON 35.

mother

this



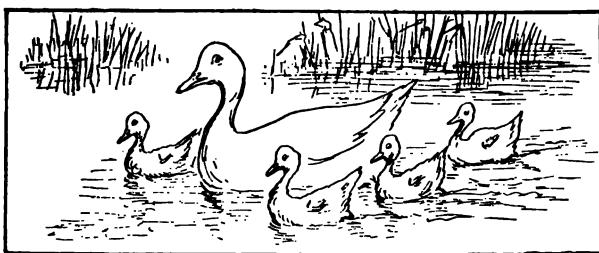
May, here is a bird's nest.
Four little birds are in it.

I think they are robins.
Do you see the mother?

Yes, she is in this tree.
Shall we feed the birds?
The mother will feed them.
She will get a little worm.

Here she comes now.
She has a worm for them.

LESSON 36.



Here is a mother duck.
She has four little ducks.
See them swim on the pond.

They can swim fast.
The ducks like to swim.

It is fun for them.
Dick, get some corn.
We will feed the ducks.

They can not eat corn.
They are too little.

LESSON 35.

mother

this



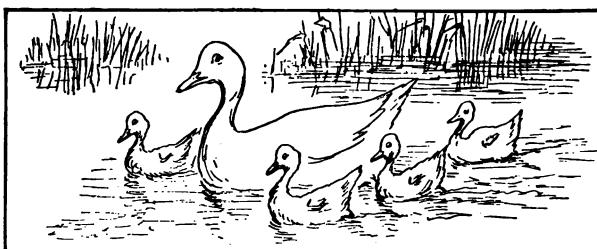
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Four little birds are in it.

I think they are robins.
Do you see the mother?

Yes, she is in this tree.
Shall we feed the birds?
The mother will feed them.
She will get a little worm.

Here she comes now.
She has a worm for them.

LESSON 36.



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She has four little ducks.
See them swim on the pond.

They can swim fast.
The ducks like to swim.

It is fun for them.
Dick, get some corn.
We will feed the ducks.

They can not eat corn.
They are too little.

LESSON 37.

REVIEW.

1. Jack is my dog.
2. A deer can run fast.
3. What bird has big eyes?
4. Did you see the robins?
5. May did not feed them.
6. The mother bird
is in the tree.
7. A fly is in the web.
8. Did you see the spider?
9. Do not let the cows
eat up the corn.
10. What bird eats corn?
11. Jack will play with me.
12. May likes pond-lilies.

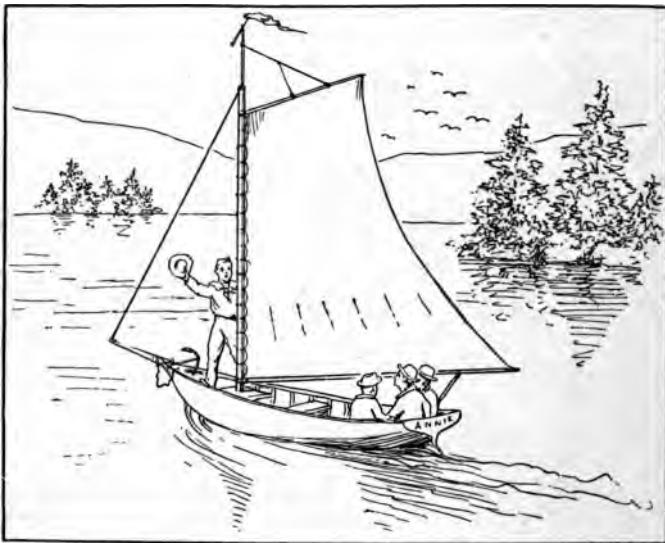
13. A fish will eat a fly.
14. It is two o'clock now.
15. Will you play with me?
16. What shall we play?
17. A fish has big eyes.
18. A clock has two hands.
19. What can a spider do?

PHONIC EXERCISE.

b it	b in	d id	s ix
f it	d in	h id	b ig
h it	f in	k id	d ig
l it	p in	l id	f ig
m it	s in	r id	p ig
p it	t in	f ix	r ig
s it	w in	m ix	w ig

LESSON 38.

sail gave knows across



The boys have a sail-boat.
It is Dick's boat.
His mother gave it to him.
He knows how to sail it.
He thinks it is fun.
Three boys are with Dick.

They will sail
 across the pond.

Dick has a row-boat, too.
It is not as big
 as the sail-boat.

Can you sail a boat?

Yes, I can.

I can row a boat, too.

See the little boat go!

It sails very fast.

We like to see it sail.

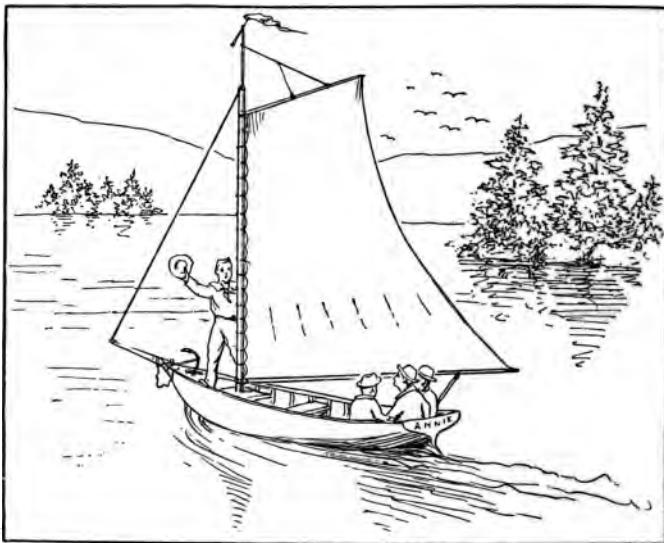
Now, Tom, you may sail it.

Sail it across the pond.

This is fun for boys.

LESSON 38.

sail gave knows across



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He knows how to sail it.
He thinks it is fun.
Three boys are with Dick.

They will sail
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Dick has a row-boat, too.
It is not as big
 as the sail-boat.

Can you sail a boat?

Yes, I can.
I can row a boat, too.

See the little boat go!
It sails very fast.

We like to see it sail.
Now, Tom, you may sail it.

Sail it across the pond.
This is fun for boys.

LESSON 39.

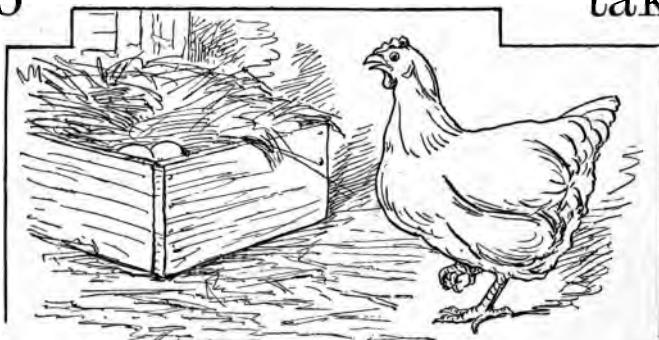
of

fat

eggs

so

take



This is Tom's hen.
How fat she is!
The hen has a nest.
May, come and see the nest.
Do you see the eggs?
I see two of them.
The hen has six eggs.

You can see two of them.

Four you can not see.

Four and two are six.

Tom will take five eggs out.

Now, Tom, get some corn.

We must feed the hen.

She likes to eat corn.

Corn makes hens fat.

Will a hen eat a worm?

Yes, and so will a robin.

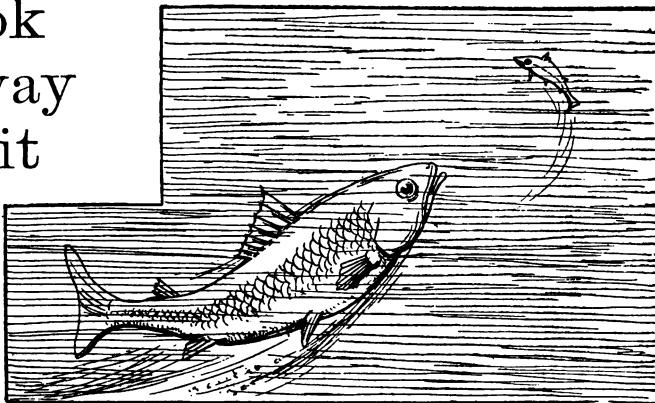
A robin can not eat corn.

A robin is a little bird.

A hen is a big bird.

LESSON 40.

look
away
bait



Look at this big fish.
How fast he can swim!
What big eyes he has!
He sees a little fish.
Can he catch the little fish?
Yes, I think so.
He will eat the little fish
if he can catch it.

Swim away, little fish.
Do not let him get you.
Shall I catch the big fish ?

Yes, if you can.
Will the fish hurt me ?
No, I think not.
I can not catch him.
He is too big for me.
I like to catch little fish.
Dick and I will go out
in the row-boat.
We know how to catch fish.
Come, Dick, let us go now.
What shall we get for bait ?
We must get some worms.

LESSON 41.



bat

night

What is this, Tom?

Is it a bird?

No, it is not a bird.

It is a bat.

It looks like a bird.

The bat flies at night.

What do bats eat?

They eat flies.

They catch them at night.

Owls and bats

can see in the night.

LESSON 42.

REVIEW.

1. Tom can ride a horse.
2. May likes pond-lilies.
3. Dick has a row-boat.
4. Tom has a sail-boat.
5. A fish can swim fast.
6. Can you climb a tree?
7. It is four o'clock.
8. Ducks like to swim.
9. Two and two are four.
10. Spiders can make webs.
11. Do cows eat corn?
12. What shall we play?
13. We must go now.

LESSON 43.

say
well
good
eating



Come with me, Jack.
It is six o'clock now.
I must go for the cows.
You must go with me.
You are a good dog.
The cows are by the pond.
They are eating grass.
Grass is good for cows.

They like to eat it.
I see the cows now.
Two of them are eating.
One is not eating.
Jack sees the cows too.
The cows know Jack.
They will not run away.
They know Jack very well.
Jack likes to run and play.
He will play in the grass.
See him run and jump!
I like to play with Jack.
I say, One, two, three—go!
Then he runs away.
He runs very fast.
He can run like a deer.

LESSON 44.

her
far

got
girl

lives
wants



This little girl is May.
She lives in this house.
She has come out to play.
It is a fine day.
May likes to be out.
She is going to the pond.
She wants to see Dick.

Dick is in his boat.
He has some lilies.
He got them for May.
Dick, have you some lilies?
Yes, I have some.
They are very fine ones.
Oh, let me see them!
I want some for mother.
Let me take them to her.
Mother likes pond-lilies.
Very well, you take them.
Come and take a ride, May.
We will not go out far.
I can not go now, Dick.
Mother wants me now.
I may go at one o'clock.

LESSON 45.

(Test Sentences)

1. A bird can make a nest.
2. What can a frog do?
3. Tom is a big boy.
4. Is that Dick's boat?
5. Two and two are four.
6. Four eggs are in the nest.
7. May has a little deer.
8. Get corn for the hen.
9. It is one o'clock now.
10. May has come to see me.
11. Can a frog catch a fly?
12. A fox looks like a dog.
13. What is in that tree?
14. I have a little gun.
15. How fast a deer can run!

LESSON 46.

(Test Sentences)

1. A bat is not a bird.
2. Do you like to catch fish?
3. A robin has four eggs.
4. Come and see my boat.
5. Swim away, little fish.
6. Can you shoot a fox?
7. I can catch a bird.
8. Get some corn for the pig.
9. I see a big owl.
10. I can not shoot a bird.
11. Dick gave me a ride.
12. Tom is in the row-boat.
13. Look at the robin's nest.
14. Jack sees a little duck.
15. Can you swim fast?

LESSON 47.

NOTE.—These long sentences are given to teach the children to 'turn the line,' as it is called. There are no new words in them.

The author has found that numbered sentences are a great convenience to the teacher in directing young children.

1. Did you see five eggs in the hen's nest?
2. When it is four o'clock I may go and play.
3. Look at the big spider in his web.
4. May and her mother live in a fine house.
5. Owls and bats can see well in the night.
6. Four birds and one bird are five birds.

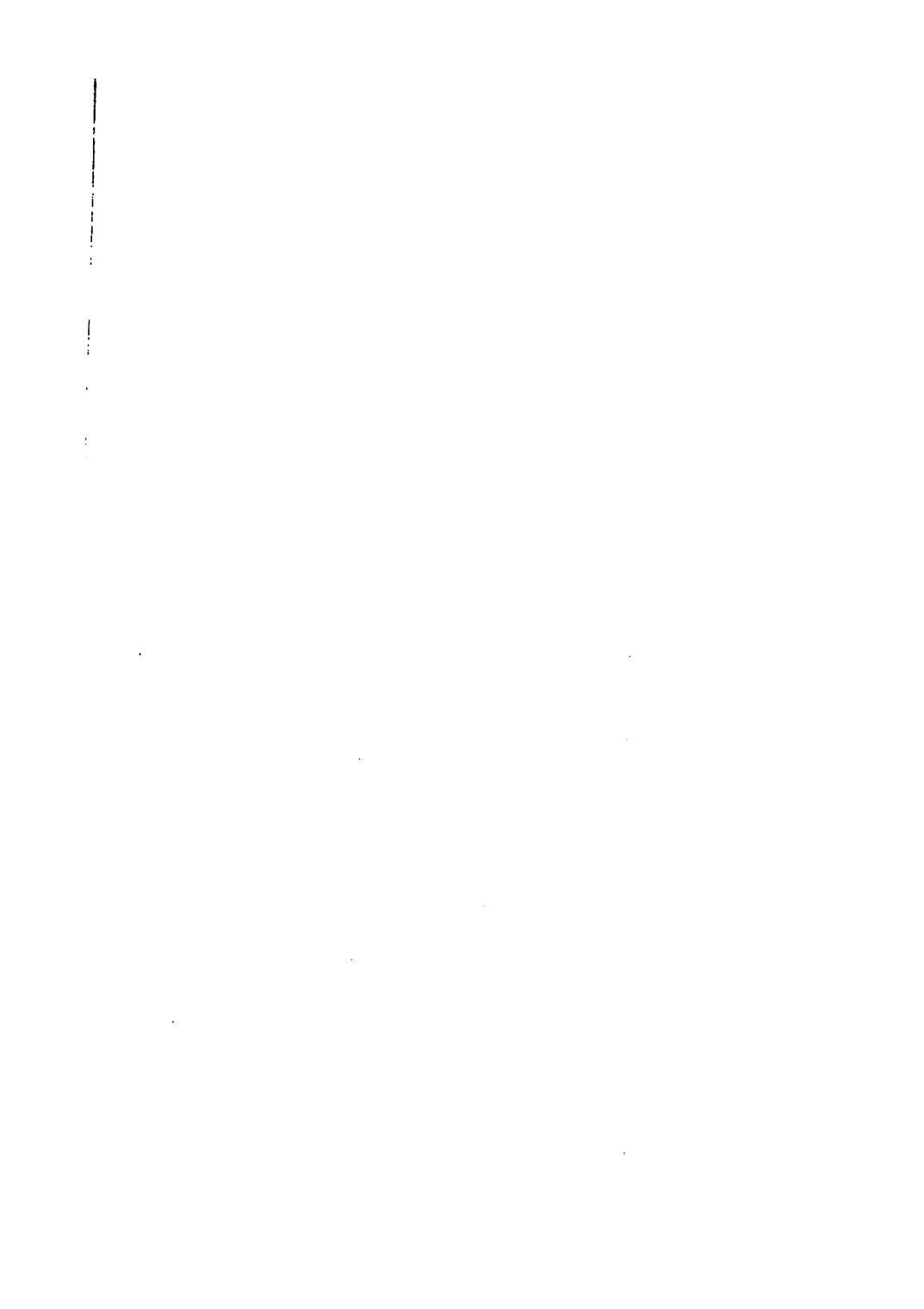
7. What do you think a bat is like?
8. Dick wants May to take a ride in his boat.
9. How can a frog live in a well?
10. The mother bird likes to feed her little ones.
11. Can you catch a fish with a fly?
12. A man came with a gun in his hand.
13. Did you see the cat climb up to the nest?
14. Jack will go with me to get the cows.

COMPLETE VOCABULARY.

a	catch	feed	gun
across	come	fine	hand
am	corn	fish	has
an	deer	five	have
and	Dick	fly	he
are	did	for	hen
at	do	four	her
away	does	fox	here
bait	dogs	frog	him
bat	duck	fun	his
big	eat	gave	horse
bird	eating	get	how
boat	eggs	girl	hurt
boys	eyes	go	I
but	far	good	if
can	fast	got	in
cat	fat	grass	it

Jack	nest	sail	three
jump	night	say	to
knows	no	shall	Tom
let	not	see	too
like	now	she	tree
lilies	o'clock	shoot	two
little	of	short	up
lives	on	six	very
long	one	so	wants
look	or	some	we
make	out	spider	web
man	owl	swim	well
May	play	take	what
me	pond	the	when
mother	ride	them	will
mouse	robin	they	with
must	row	think	yes
my	run	this	you





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